



Open Space Committee

Date: Thurs, July 28, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Present: : Ann LeRoyer, David Morgan, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Shirley Canniff, David White, Wendy Richter, Emily Nink, Brian Kelder, Brian McBride

Absent: Eliza Hatch, Teresa DeBenedictis

Guests: Beth Melofchik

Minutes

1. OSC Administration
 - a. B. McBride moved to approve the June 23, 2022, minutes. E. Nink seconded. All approved.
 - b. D. Morgan reminded committee members to submit their Acknowledgement of Receipt of Summary of the Conflict of Interest Laws for Municipal Employees.
 - c. A. LeRoyer stated that four members had been reappointed for 3-year terms: A. LeRoyer, D. White, W. Richter, and B. Kelder.
2. Open Space and Recreation Plan 2022-2029 (OSRP) Update
 - a. A. LeRoyer provided an update on the OSRP. Letters of support have been submitted by the Conservation Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, and MAPC. A. LeRoyer presented the update to the Select Board (7/18) and, with David Morgan, ARB (7/25), both of which voted to adopt the plan.
 - b. D. White motioned for the Open Space Committee to adopt the plan. E. Nink seconded. All approved.
3. CPA Project Updates
 - a. D. Morgan reported that the water chestnut removal at the Res had been contracted and work was set to begin.
 - b. A. LeRoyer said the Reservoir improvements were being widely celebrated. S. Canniff agreed and said public support was overwhelming. B. Melofchik thanked the Town for making the improvements. B. Melofchik requested that the Town consider a plan to deal with the Japanese knotweed at the Res.

- c. S. Canniff shared that the Robbins Park project is in search of a designer, and that Hurd Field is set to begin construction in August or September. The playground at Peirce School is held up by delays getting equipment.
- 4. 40B Comprehensive Permit Applications
 - a. D. Morgan said that the relocation of Ryder Brook was complete at 1065R Mass. Ave.
- 5. Other News/Discussion
 - a. A. LeRoyer reported that the Mystic to Minuteman Bikeway study and Bikeway Planning projects were completed, and reports posted.
 - b. D. Morgan inquired about ownership of the stairs to the Minuteman Bikeway at Millbrook Square Apartments (17 Mill Street). The Committee had no further details. D. Morgan said the answer may pertain to the inventory of public open spaces, if an easement had been recorded for Arlington.
 - c. D. Morgan invited committee members to help prioritize green infrastructure projects on public open space lands as part of the Town's MS4 requirements. E. Carr-Jones suggested the Russel Common Lot. W. Richter, D. White, and E. Carr-Jones volunteered to work on this.
 - d. D. Morgan said that another draft of the Public Land Management Plan is forthcoming next week, and a public meeting will follow in the fall.
 - e. S. Canniff said that there were no plans beyond the feasibility study for Hill's Hill, and that a public meeting would be held for further conversation on August 2nd. B. Melofchik expressed her concern that the preservation of Hill's Hill was at risk.
 - f. Arlington Orchard link to Minuteman Bikeway
 - W. Richter said that the orchard's designer, Ben Barkan, was supportive of the idea to connect the bikeway to the orchard. The Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee recommended making improvements to the Washington Street connection instead of a direct link to the orchard, W. Richter said. E. Carr-Jones agreed and suggested conceiving of the link as a pedestrian path rather than an off ramp for cyclists. D. White suggested adding wayfinding signage.
 - g. Picture Post
 - D. White said he had a template sign that can be posted. E. Carr-Jones offered to find pricing for metal signage.
- 6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

2022 Meeting Dates (4th Thursday except Nov and Dec) August 25, September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8